

# WATERING GUIDE

Even drought tolerant lawns need water! Water smart to water less! Here are some tips:

## When Should You Water?

1. The best time to water is around dawn, or as early in the morning as possible, to allow enough time for your grass to absorb the water it needs without causing too much moisture build up.
2. If you can't water in the morning, your best alternative is the evening, but be aware that this can promote fungus growth due to moisture collecting overnight.
3. Avoid watering during the warm, daylight hours as it will only waste water, providing little benefit to your lawn due to evaporation.

All Manderley Less Water products are qualified drought tolerant by the Turfgrass Water Conservation Alliance (TWCA), a non-profit organization committed to water conservation. With the help of the TWCA, Manderley Less Water became the first drought tolerant qualified line of sod and seed products in Canada. Manderley Less Water line of products require up to 50% less irrigation and can resist drought up to a month and a half longer than an average lawn, saving you time and money!



## What's the right way to water your lawn?

Water evenly and slowly so that water penetrates the soil without running off. To ensure even distribution of water, use a hose-end sprinkler or built-in irrigation system. Avoid frequent, light watering which will cause shallow rooting, and overwatering, which will prevent air from reaching the roots.



## How much should you water?

1. All grass needs water to ensure good health and vibrancy. As a rule of thumb, a standard lawn can require as much as 1" of irrigation per week to thrive - but this is by no means an exact science, as requirements will differ based on weather and genetic differences in the plant. Use your eyes, use your judgement. For established lawns, if your grass looks healthy and vibrant you may be able to skip a watering.
2. A Manderley Less Water lawn will thrive with as little as half the water compared to an average home lawn, so be sure to adjust your watering schedule accordingly.

## How do you know if your lawn needs water?

Remember to always keep track of precipitation. If you've recently gotten a lot of rain, you may not need to water. Monitor natural precipitation and always observe your lawn before applying water. If it appears lush and green you may be able to reduce your watering frequency.

## How green does your lawn need to be?

At 75% green cover you're still getting all the benefits of a lawn, at 20% or less, you're not. It's important to water to ensure that the environmental impact of a lawn remains positive, but we don't need a golf course fairway for a front lawn. By keeping a lawn at 70%-80% green cover (which still looks pretty good) you can push off your waterings and increase your savings and net positive impact.

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